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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS MEETING

REF MEXICO 518, STATE 278169,

1. EMBASSY CONCURS IN PROPOSAL TO HOLD CENTRAL AMERICAN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY BEGINNING FEBRUARY 24.

2. RE AGENDA, WE FIND TEGUCIGALPA'S SUGGESTED ITEM NO. 1 TOO SPECIFIC (WE DO NOT EXPECT ANY EFFECTS OF "REINTEGRATION" ON COSTA RICA IN 1976) AND WOULD SUGGEST THAT THAT ITEM COULD BE SUBSUMED UNDER A MORE GENERAL TOPIC SUCH AS "THE PRESENT STATUS AND FUTURE OF THE CACM."

SIMILARLY, WE DO NOT EXPECT ANY SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC IMPACT FROM GSP IN 1976, AND WE BELIEVE THAT ANY DISCUSSION ON GSP COULD ALSO BE MORE GENERAL, FOCUSING PERHPAS ON THE POTENTIAL FOR CENTRAL AMERICAN EXPORTS TO THE U.S. UNDER THE GSP SYSTEM. WE WOULD NOT HAVE IN MIND MAKING QUANTITATIVE PROJECTIONS BUT RATHER DISCUSSING POTENTIAL IN GENERAL TERMS AND CONSIDERING

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WAYS IN WHICH CENTRAL AMERICA COULD BEST BENEFIT FROM

GSP SYSTEM.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT THE MAJOR FOCUS OF THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE ON BALANCE OF PAYMENTS FORECASTS FOR 1976 (A TOPIC WHICH COVERS VIRTUALLY EVERYTHING OF ECONOMIC INTEREST WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE WAYS IN WHICH THE CENTRAL AMERICAN ECONOMIES IMPINGE UPON EACH OTHER), AND ON A DISCUSSION LED BY ROCAP OF THE PRESENT STATUS AND THE FUTURE OF THE CACM. WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE TIME ON THE AGENDA, OTHER THAN THE TIME SET ASIDE FOR THE VISIT TO THE TRADE CENTER, WOULD BE DEVOTED TO THESE TWO ITEMS.  
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